

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-249-E - ORDER NO. 2001-913

SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

IN RE: Gary Weaver,)	ORDER DENYING
)	REQUESTS FOR
Complainant)	EXTENSIONS
)	
vs.)	
)	
Carolina Power & Light Company,)	
)	
Respondent)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for extension of the previously set hearing and testimony dates in this complaint matter by the Complainant, Gary Weaver. Weaver requests the extensions due to medical reasons.

The Respondent Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L or the Company) opposes the extensions. CP&L notes that due to Weaver's failure to participate in an informal proceeding, this Commission scheduled a formal hearing for October 9, 2001. CP&L states that this matter has already been unduly protracted, largely through the efforts of the Complainant, and that it has spent considerable time and effort over the years attempting to resolve the Complainant's concerns, justify the debt to his satisfaction, and negotiate manageable payment arrangements. CP&L states that Weaver has been uncooperative, and that his debt to CP&L continues to grow. CP&L states that Complainant Weaver has had sufficient time to prepare for the deadlines outlined in

Commission Order No. 2001-714, and asks that the Commission retain the schedule outlined in that Order. CP&L also asks for further relief should the complainant not meet his prefiling deadline.

Whereas, we are sympathetic to the Complainant's medical plight, we deny the request for an extension of all deadlines. We uphold the deadlines set out in Order No. 2001-714 and the present hearing date. We agree with CP&L that Weaver has had sufficient time to prepare for the deadlines outlined in the Commission Order. We decline to order any further relief as requested by CP&L, however, at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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